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- 1. Charles moste and Oscar Maile Joseph Bourgois, caployees of the Sabena Airline, are active Communists, associated with Dmitri Golde, a Sabena engineer who is a prominent member of the Amities Belgo-Sovietiques. Golde is known to be in touch with Soviet officials and, although no evidence has been obtained, is suspected of espionage activities on their behalf.
- 2. Charles Hoste, who was born at Schaerbeek on 19 November 1913, is the chief of the Accounts Section of the Sabena Airline in Brussels. He is a member of the Schaerbook Section of the Belgian Communist Party, He also belongs to the Organization for the Defense of the Rights of Immigrants in Belgium (CIDIB) and the Union of Sovie. Fatriots (UPS), both communist-front organizations. Before the war, Charles Hoste held his present job with Sabena. During the occupation he commanded a militia group and was known as Commandant Morin. After the war he became National Secretary of the Resistance, a position which put him in close touch with the prominent Communists, Jean Terfve and Fernand Demany. His present address is 133 Avenue de la Reine, Schaerbeek. His wife is Isabelle Henriette Hoste née Verbranst; she was born at Donger, The Netherlands, on 3 March 1916. Charles Hoste holds the Croix de Guerre with silver star, the French bronze Kedal of Gratitude, the Medal of The Resistance, and a certificate from the Americans for his services during the war. A photograph is attached.
- 3. Oscar Emile Joseph Bourgois, who was born at Etterbaek on 11 October 1913. is one of the most prominen: Communists in the Sabena organization and recruits for the trade union movement, To neutralize his activities, Sabena sent him to Prague in augus 1948. On 26 November 1948 he was transferred to Johannesburg. His wife is Therese Bourgois nee Davigneaud. His Belgian address is 25 rue de la Duchesse, Woluwe St. Pierre.

(Enclosure: 1 photograph of Charles Hoste, available in CIA Graphics Register)

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